

Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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WSVH to host multi-state wrestling and cheerleading conference competition Jan. 25-26 in Janesville

MADISON—The Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped (WSVH) will host the North Central Association of Schools for the Blind Wrestling and Cheerleading Conference competition on Jan. 25 and 26 in Janesville.

Twelve state schools for the blind will participate, with 173 athletes and 236 visitors attending. Coaches and athletes will travel from Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Tennessee for the competition. The event provides an opportunity for students to apply many hours of practice and commitment in competition against their peers. The weekend features many social opportunities in addition to the athletic competition, including a dance on Saturday night.

Students will arrive at the WSVH campus on Friday afternoon for weigh-ins, meetings, and a Pep Rally at 6:15 p.m. in the WSVH Auditorium. The public is invited to attend the competitions, which will be held on Saturday at Edison Middle School in Janesville. The wrestling portion of the competition begins at 10:30 a.m. The cheerleading competition will begin at 1 p.m., followed by the conclusion of the wrestling tournament.

WSVH and the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired are part of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The school and center provide educational services throughout the state to children who are blind or visually impaired.

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WHO: Blind and Visually Impaired Students from 12 States

WHAT: North Central Association of Schools for the Blind

Wrestling and Cheerleading Competition

WHEN: January 25 — Pep Rally, 6:15 p.m.

Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped Auditorium

1700 West State Street, Janesville

January 26 — Wrestling Competition, 10:30 a.m.

Cheerleading Competition, 1 p.m. Wrestling Tournament, 3 p.m.

Edison Middle School

1649 South Chatham Street, Janesville